

1 SENATE BILL 253

2 **55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2021**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR
12 LIBRARIES IN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PROVIDE FOR
13 INTERNET ACCESS.

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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

16 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--Four hundred ninety-four
17 thousand dollars (\$494,000) is appropriated from the general
18 fund to the higher education department for expenditure in
19 fiscal year 2022 for libraries in institutions of higher
20 education to provide for internet access. The higher education
21 department shall prioritize the oldest libraries first,
22 libraries that have capacity to support an internet update
23 second and libraries that are used by the public third. Any
24 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
25 fiscal year 2022 shall revert to the general fund.

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